

# **CITY OF WILDER, KENTUCKY**

## **INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE**

**Municipal Government League of No. Ky**-Notice of its next meeting on Thursday, May 19, 2011, at the Campbell County Fiscal Court Chambers, at 6:00 p.m.

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**OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE**

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## CITY COUNCIL MEETING

May 2, 2011

The regular meeting of the Wilder City Council was held on Monday, May 2, 2011 at the Wilder City Building, 520 Licking Pike, Wilder, Kentucky 41071.

Lords Prayer

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

### **Call to Order:**

Mayor Turner called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

### **Roll Call:**

Roll call was answered by Councilman Blankenship, Councilman Dinn, Councilwoman Gearding, and Councilman Herald.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

**Upon motion of Councilman Blankenship, seconded by, Councilman Herald to approve the Minutes of April 18, 2011, Regular Meeting. Mayor Turner called for a vote. Motion carried unanimously.**

Incoming and outgoing correspondence copied to Council prior to the meeting.

### **Reports Presented:**

Maintenance Department

Activity report for March & April

Police Department

Activity report for April

### **Attorney's Report:**

Attorney Verst stated there were no Ordinances/Resolutions to present and he had nothing to report.

### **Citizen's Comments:**

Kevin Gordon, resident of Signal Hill, stated the process that the committee went through to come up with an item to present to council. He then asked council to advise how they reached their decision to not take over Signal Hill Drive.

Mayor Turner stated that Councilman Dinn explained why he made his choice at the last meeting.

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Discussion ensued regarding their decision.

Attorney Verst stated that the issue has been decided at the past meeting and reiterated that the development is a private development.

**Mayor's Comments:**

Mayor Turner stated that the fish fry's was a huge success.

Mayor Turner advised that the annual Egg Hunt was held and they should have the pictures in soon.

Mayor Turner asked Councilwoman Gearding, Councilman Herald and Councilman Dinn to serve on a budget committee to study the salaries and Councilman Blankenship, Councilman Martin and Councilwoman Wilson to serve on a committee to study employee benefits. He stated that the budget must be passed by July.

**City Administrator Comments:**

Mr. Vance advised that Johns Hill Road is still closed and will be for some time until they take care of the slippage and repave it.

Councilman Blankenship asked how long it would be closed. Mr. Vance is not sure but believes it could be a month or two.

Mr. Vance informed council that planning and zoning has approved the new building for Ipsco to build a thread shop. They did turn down an idea for a pawn shop. We will be having a public hearing to consider adding a Pawn Shop as a permitted use in the General Commercial Zone.

Councilman Blankenship asked where the pawn shop was considering locating. Mr. Vance stated that they were looking the old 3 Deuces building.

**Maintenance Department:**

Not in attendance.

**Fire Chief Comments:**

No comment.

**Police Chief Comments:**

No comment.

**Attorney's Comments:**

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Attorney Verst advised that the planning and zoning made a recommendation that council entertain passing an ordinance relative to require pawn shops to photograph and id all items that they take in and post on a site online so that the police can see if they turn up stolen.

**City Clerk:**

No comment

**Council Comments:**

**Councilman Herald** – Thanked Chief Profitt and the fire department for their help with the Egg Hunt and stated they had a great time.

**Councilman Dinn** - Stated for the record:

Mr. Gordon we devoted significant city resources, time and explanation to cover this matter at your request and I am completely disappointed that instead of representing well the intent and facts with your neighbors instead you chose to rail them under confusion mis-stated facts political rhetoric and interruption in a way that I am disgusted with. I am disappointed that for some reason you have served us all poorly in this. I hold you responsible for ill-will in this room tonight with your neighbors. When asked in public that is my stance and if you don't feel that I have represented you well then don't vote for me next time.

Mr. Gordon stated that he does not agree with his comments and I don't think I have misrepresented anything. Your characterization is absolutely false. Just like your intentions of being part of that committee and negotiating with us in good faith and good intention and good faith effort on part of the city.

**Councilman Dinn** – These are my comments and not yours.

Mr. Gordon – Well you got mine on top of it so there. I hope correctly record those as well.

**Councilman Blankenship** – Wants to learn more about the operation of the new electronic marquee in front of the city building

Councilman Blankenship stated it's unfortunate about the closing of Johns Hill Road because it creates a hardship for a lot of people to go around but hopefully in the long run will resolve itself and be better.

Councilman Blankenship expressed that he was sorry a lot of people left. He thinks that in the long run this can be revisited. He hopes that people don't turn a deaf ear to that and try and not be negative about it. We can come back with a different approach and get it presented and perhaps turn out differently. I hope that can be achieved.

**Councilwoman Gearding** - Thanked everyone for coming and those who stayed for the entire meeting and participate in the process.

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She is hurt by the fact of being accused of not having an open mind. She dedicated her time to go through the process because she thought it was important and time is slim. She thought they had an open forum and lot of exchange of good ideas and got information she didn't know going into the process. She feels this is a burden on the maintenance department and the other tax payers in the city so she felt it was a weighing game. When she asked at the meeting when they voted about the initial assessments for the road repair she was told not to talk about special assessments. She got the feeling that citizens of Signal Hill were not aware that they were going to be assessed for the cost of bringing the roads up to standards and it might be a significant amount. During these economic times I felt like they would be assessed that for a minimal yearly savings of maybe \$10.00 a year that would take them years to repay. I felt like 198 unit owners living there were not aware of what a couple people might be voting on in their favor. If they were assessed a huge amount that they wouldn't be able to do anything about it. She felt that wasn't a benefit to the unit owners to outweigh the burden on the city. She didn't think all the home owners knew what was going on. She doesn't think they were ignorant, she just didn't think they were informed of the reality of it. She wanted to do what was right for all the citizens of Wilder.

**Adjournment:**

**Upon motion of Councilman Blankenship, seconded by, Councilman Herald, to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Turner called for a vote. Motion carried unanimously.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m. The next meeting of the Wilder City Council will be held on May 16, 2011.

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Stanley Turner – Mayor

ATTEST:

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Tracy Gibson- City Clerk